

Montana Office of Public Instruction Title I Distinguished Schools

Each year the Title I program at the Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI) gets to select two schools for the National Title I Distinguished School Award. These awards are sponsored by the National Association of State Title I Directors (NASTID). In order for a school to qualify for the Distinguished School award it must have:

- 1) A poverty rate of at least 35% for the selected year
- 2) Demonstrated high academic achievement for two or more consecutive years
- 3) Met or exceeded state standards of Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for at least two consecutive years

Each state may select one qualifying school in each of the following categories:

CATEGORY 1: A School that has exceeded its adequate yearly progress for two or more years; NCLB, Section 1117(b)(1)(B)(ii)

CATEGORY 2: A School that has significantly closed the achievement gap between students; NCLB, Section 1117(b)(1)(B)(ii)

Below is a list of school award winners since 2009

Year	Category 1	Category 2
2011	Clinton 7-8, Clinton, MT	Prairie View EL, Conrad MT
2010	St. Regis EL, St. Regis, MT	DeSmet 7-8, Missoula, MT
2009	Cornelius Hedges EL, Kalispell, MT	Radley EL, East Helena, MT
2008	Central School, Roundup, MT	Box Elder 7-8, Box Elder, MT
2007	Box Elder HS, Box Elder, MT	Heart Butte EL, Heart Butte, MT
2006	Harlem HS, Harlem, MT	Box Elder EL, Box Elder, MT
2005	West EL, Great Falls, MT	Longfellow, EL Great Falls, MT
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